IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE the claims as follows:

1.   Cancel Claim 1. Re-instate Claim 1 combined with Claims 7 and 18 as New Claim 40.

2.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein the means for forming an electronic image further comprises:

        ~~h)~~ i)   data processing means responsive to control means for receiving and converting optical information of the image and correlating location and environmental information with the contents of the image into compressed digital form for storage in the local memory.

3.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein means for determining the geographical location of the image further comprises:

        ~~i)~~ k)   a GPS interface and processing logic unit linked to at least one space satellite for converting satellite signals into geographical coordinates in digital form for storage in the memory and indicative of the image geographical location.

4.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~1~~ 40 wherein the means for accessing descriptive texts of a plurality of objects of interest further comprises:

        ~~j)~~ l)   a network interface to a database responsive to a user for selecting the stored descriptive text related to the object of interest recorded in the digital image.

5.   Cancel Claim 5. Re-instate Claim 5 combined with claim 24 as New Claim 42.

6.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~1~~ 40 further comprising:

        ~~m)~~ o)   environmental sensing means for collecting and storing environmental conditions related to the image for recording in the medium.

7.   Cancel Claim 7. Re-instate in Claim 40 combined with Claims 1 and 18.

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8.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 7 40 further comprising:

o) p)   wireless means for connecting and providing to the network the geographic location and conditions of the object of interest stored in the memory for processing and recording in a medium by the network.

9.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 7 8 further comprising

p) q)   a terminal coupled to the network and responsive to a user to obtain, display and record the geographical location and descriptive text in the medium.

10.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1 40 wherein said means of communicating includes wireless communication.

11.   (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1 40 further comprising:

q) r)   a terminal coupled to the network and responsive to a user input to obtain, select, display and record the stored image of the object of interest with or without geographical location and descriptive text in the medium.

12.   Cancel Claim 12. Re-instate claim 12 combined with claim 13 as New Claim 41.

13.   Cancel Claim 13. Re-instate Claim 13 combined with Claim 12 as New Claim 41.

14.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13 41 wherein the means for forming an electronic image further comprises the step of:

g) h)   receiving and converting optical information of the object of interest into compressed digital form.

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13 41 further comprising the step of:

h) i)   converting satellite signals into geographical coordinates in digital form indicative of the image geographical location.

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16.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~13~~ 41 further comprising the step of

~~i)~~ j)   selecting the stored descriptive text related to the object of interest at the geographical location to be recorded in the digital image.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~13~~ 41 wherein the step of determining geographical location includes determining latitude and longitude.

18.   Currently Amended) The method of Claim [13] 41 further comprising the step of:

j)   accessing the remote processing system or workstation and correlating and recording the digital image with the geographical location, and descriptive text associated with the object of interest in a medium.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [13] 41 further comprising the step of:

k)   collecting and storing environmental conditions related to the image for recording in the medium.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~13~~ 41 further comprising the step of:

l)   connecting and providing to a network using network protocols, the image, geographical location, and environmental conditions of the object of interest stored in the image-collecting device for processing and recording in a medium by the network.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~13~~ 41 further comprising the step of:

m)   storing thumbnail images related to objects of interest in the remote data processing system according to geographical location coordinates.

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22.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~13~~ 41 further comprising the step of:

n)   transmitting geographical location coordinates of an object of interest to the remote data processing system,

0)   receiving a thumbnail image related to the geographical location coordinates from the remote data processing system; and recording the related thumbnail image in the medium.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~13~~ 41 further comprising the step of:

p)   editing the image to include the related geographical location and descriptive text.

24.   Cancel Claim 24. Re-instate Claim 24 combined with Claim 5 as New Claim 42.

25.   (Currently Amended) The program medium of Claim [24] 42 further comprising:

~~g)~~ h)   program instructions for converting satellite signals into geographical coordinates in digital form indicative of the image geographical location for storage in an image-collecting device.

26.   (Currently Amended),The program medium of Claim [24] 42 further comprising:

[h)] i)   program instruction in the medium accessing the remote processing system or workstation and correlating and recording the digital image with the geographical location, descriptive text of the object of interest in a medium.

27.   (Currently Amended) The program medium of Claim ~~24~~ 42 further comprising:

~~i)~~ j)   program instruction in the medium collecting and storing environmental conditions related to the image for recording in the medium.

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28.   (Currently Amended) The program medium of Claim [24] 42 further comprising:

j) k)   program instruction in the medium for accessing thumbnail images of objects of interest in the remote data processing system according to geographical location coordinates.

29.   (Currently Amended) The program medium of Claim 24 42 further comprising:

k) l)   program instruction in the medium obtaining and inserting a thumbnail of an object of interest according to geographical location coordinates and storing in a medium.

30.   Cancel Claim 30. Re-instate Claim 30 combined with Claims 34 and 35 as

new claim 43.

31.   (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30 43 wherein the geographical location coordinates provided to the network are the geographical location coordinates of the terminal creating the message.

32.   (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30 43 wherein the geographical location coordinates are established at the completion of the creation of the electronic message.

33.   (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30 43 wherein the geographical location coordinates are established at the start of the creation of the electronic message.

34.   Cancel Claim 34. Reinstate Claim 34 combined with Claim 30 and Claim 35 as New Claim 43.

35.   Cancel Claim 35. Re-instate Claim 35 combined with Claim 30 and Claim 34 as New Claim 43.

36.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising the steps of:

a)   generating electronic messages at a ~~location~~ <u>terminal wherein the terminal</u> <u>is a laptop or personal digital assistant or other computer device and linked to a network by a</u> <u>wired or wireless connection</u>;

b)   obtaining geographical coordinates of a location;

c)   accessing images stored in ~~a~~ <u>the</u> network according to the geographical location coordinates;

d)   providing obtained geographical location coordinates to the network and obtaining images from the network according to the provided geographical location coordinates; and

e)   incorporating in an electronic message at least one of the images obtained from the network.

37.   (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 36 wherein the obtained images are provided as part of advertising.

38.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 36 further comprising the step of:

d)   offering the images to users in a prioritized manner based on the amount of payment associated with each image.

39.   (Original) The method of Claim 36 further comprising the step of:

e)   providing the sender of an electronic message an incentive to include an advertising image in the message.

Please add the following New Claims:

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40.   (New) A camera device for recording an image including a geographical location, related descriptive text and/or environmental conditions in a medium, comprising:

   a)   means for forming an electronic image of an object of interest in digital form;

   b)   means for determining a geographical location of the image;

   c)   means for storing the image and the geographical location thereof in a memory;

   d)   means for storing and accessing descriptive text related to the image at the geographical location;

   e)   means for selecting and correlating the descriptive text with the image at the geographical location;

   f)   means for recording the image, related geographical location and descriptive text;

   g)   means for communicating the recorded image with or without related geographical location and descriptive text to a network for subsequent processing under user control;

   h)   a server in the network for storing descriptive text of objects of interest;

   i)   means for communicating with and accessing the server for programatically correlating and recording the digital image with geographical location and descriptive text associated with the object of interest in a medium under user control.

41.   (New)   In a system including an image-collecting camera device coupled to a remote data processing system and a workstation via a network using network protocols, a method for recording an image including a geographical location, and/or environmental conditions in a medium, comprising the steps of:

a)   forming an electronic image of an object of interest in digital form in the image-collecting device;

b)   determining a geographical location of the image;

c)   capturing and storing the image and the geographical location thereof in a memory;

d)   storing descriptive text of a plurality of objects of interest related to the image at geographical locations in a remote processing system or workstation;

e)   editing the image in the workstation to include the related geographical location and descriptive text;

f)   communicating with and accessing the remote processing system;

g)   programtically selecting and associating the descriptive text with the digital image under control of a user and

h)   recording the image with the geographical location, and descriptive text associated with the object of interest in the medium.

42.   (New) An article of manufacture:

A program medium, executable in a computer system, for recording an image including a related descriptive text and/or environmental conditions in a picture, comprising:

a)   program instruction in the medium forming an electronic image of an object of interest in digital form;

b)   program instruction in the medium determining a geographical location of the image;

c)   program instruction in the medium capturing and storing the digital image and the geographical location thereof in an image-collecting device;

d)   program instruction in the medium for storing and accessing descriptive text of a plurality of objects of interest related to the image at a geographical location in a remote data processing system or workstation;

e)   program instructions in the medium for accessing the memory and correlating the digital image with the geographic location;

f)   program instructions in the medium for programatically correlating the descriptive text with the image at the geographical location under user direction

g)   program instructions in the medium recording the image with the geographical location, and associated descriptive text in a picture.

43.   (New Claim) A system for incorporating images in an electronic message, comprising:

(a)   means for obtaining geographical coordinates of a location;

(b)   means for providing the geographical location coordinates to a network and obtaining images from the network according to the geographical location coordinates;

(c)   means for accessing images stored in the network according to the geographical location coordinates;

(d)   a terminal for generating electronic messages wherein the terminal is a laptop or personal digital assistant or other computer device and linked to a network by a wired or wireless connection; and

(e)   means for incorporating in an electronic message transmitted over the network at least one of the images obtained from the network.

44.   (New) A camera device for recording an image including a geographical location and related descriptive text in a medium, comprising:

a)   means for forming an electronic image of an object of interest in digital form;

b)   means for determining a geographical location of the image;

c)   means for recording the image and related geographical location;

d)   means for communicating the recorded image with related geographical location to a network for subsequent processing;

e)   a server in the network for storing descriptive text of objects of interest; and

f)   means for communicating with and accessing the server for programatically correlating and recording the digital image with geographical location and descriptive text associated with the object of interest in a medium under user control.